Dear Orestes,

F. Lee Bailey

Thanks you for sending the clipping reporting that ~~Bailey~~ is to be one of Garrison's lawyers (You can be sure the top one). From the time I saw the story saying he was in N.O. I wondered. Unless they had a relationship after the Shaw trial, which I doubt, the word used, "casual", is correct. I know when they first met, in California. I was in that state at the same time, but not with them.

I think I had earlier written you (and I know I wrote others) exactly what Bailey says about the way the government behaves. It would be wrong to assume that he says all he thinks, but if in this case he does, he has yet to see the whole picture. It is not only as he says that releasing the affidavits was "unnecessary". It is more likely that this alone can prevent convictions, which is something to think about. The government, without any doubt, then violated the rights of all the defendants. I still wonder "why"?

In the clipping of the RECE personnel, I note you have Jorge Mas Canosa encircled and with a ? I know of him, but nothing more about him than his connection with RECE (if one of them is not a Kennedy-hater, I've not heard of his beliefs!). I did not know he was their editor. I presume you encircled this wondering about Wilfredo? I know nothing more. When I spoke to Rudolfo Davis he denied knowing such a person, even denied he had ever heard a Cuban name "Mas". Perhaps he ate with a ghost on Decatur St.?

Jorge Mas has been a RECE "spokesman" for several years. I note the N.O. jefe has gotten his proper reward from Nixon-Agnew, then moved to Texas to accept it. It is rather exceptional for a man of his years to get a government job unless he has had a previous history of government employment. I thought he had been working for Ochsner almost from the time he got here.

Again my thanks for thinking of helping.

Sincerely,

Js- OP once told me that Ricardo Davis used to meet regularly with one Wilfredo Mas in his place when he also has a restaurant there. Davis denied it. OP will not write. His spoken command of English is good, but the accent is rough. However, he never writes in it. Infrequently he types a Spanish comment on a clipping and I go to the Appleton's. So, I do not know whether he attaches any significance to ~~Jorge~~ Jorge Mas or not. That RECE bunch is farout. The ref to N.O. ~~mx~~ jefe is to Carlos de la Vega, a Cuban-Americans for Nixon-Agnew payoff. They were all far right. I went into this in COUP, not app. for FRAME-UP. Unless you happen to know something special about Mas, don't take time to comment. I wish O would use his tape recorder that he got when I was there just to communicate. He is one of those most likely to hear rumors. His is one of the tougher places in the thghest part of the Quarter, right on the docks. I should say "are" because he has the "Greek Club" in the same block- murals by a gay who did a beautiful job and, not in my presence, recalled Shaw at OPs. I only met this cat, never had a chance to talk with him, and he had his mate with him....Intro, 1st chap. PMIII (renumbered) run 12,500 words. Too much, but I don't know what I can cut until I read.

Best,